

Lafarge Dundas Staff Continues Eco-Volunteering for HCA Outdoor Education Program!

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Last May 2012, ten staff from Lafarge Dundas Quarry donned their safety vests and trotted out to the Dundas Conservation Area to act as Eco-Volunteers for the day as part of the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Outdoor Education Program. They had so much fun, that we were back at it again this year on May 21st and 22nd. This initiative is a fundamental extension of our commitment to engage with our communities on the projects that we support and sponsor, as emphasized in our "Deep Roots" community initiative. Back in November 2011, Lafarge pledged \$10,000 towards this important program with the HCA, and we recently renewed our pledge for 2014 with an additional \$5000.

The first day of the program introduced over 44 Grade 9 students from Barton Secondary School in Hamilton to aquatic stream ecology and a survival game. On hand from Lafarge were Andrea McChesney, Robert Systma and Krysta Paudyn. The second day over 77 Grade 11 students from Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School had a full-day interactive study program on aquatic stream ecology and forest ecology. Dale Hollingsworth, Peter Sanguineti, Pat McMaster, Cindy Patershuk, Mal Wensierski and Chris McGuckin all participated as eco-volunteers with this larger group. During the event Lafarge staff was also asked to speak about our career paths and different opportunities within Lafarge – which was a great way to show students all the possibilities for young talent within our global organization.



The Aquatic Stream Ecology involved students working in teams to collect, identify and rank aquatic wildlife, stream bank vegetation and structure. The Survival Game highlighted a variety of ecological concepts including food chains and animal adaptations through a combination of running and quiet stalking games. The Forest Ecology class was focused on the collection and identification of various forest species within this unique Carolinian Forest and making estimates on tree densities within a quadrant of the forest.

The Dundas Quarry has been very active with HCA, and is honored to continue to being one of the first companies to be an Eco-Volunteer for this important youth program that stresses an understanding of our surrounding environment, as a key indicator of our community health. Andrea McChesney, Inside Sales Rep for the West GTA/FBA, commented that "it was incredible to be able to see the positive impact that Lafarge's presence has on today's youth when we work together and actively contribute to our local communities."



DEEP ROOTS Being part of our communities: past, present and future